

## WISCONSIN REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE MINUTES

DATE: January 17, 2009

PLACE: Stevens Point – WSNAC Location

### **Area Round Table Discussions**

- A. Current Cycle – PR and suggestions on keeping the area strong – North Central
- B. Next Cycle – Northeast Area will announce topic at conference

### **OPENING:**

- A. Recovery Meeting @ 9:00 am
- B. Beginning of Conference Moment of Silence @ 10:20 am
- C. Reading of The Servant Worker's Prayer
- D. Introductions
- E. Roll Call: 10 of 16 active areas present at first roll call
- F. 7th Tradition
- G. Reading of the 3<sup>RD</sup> Concept
- H. Special Business – Overview of Agenda

### **TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS:**

- A. **FACILITATOR:** Bob C  
No report

- B. **VICE-FACILITATOR:** Greg M

Greeting WRSC: Grateful Recovery Addict named Greg your newly elected vice-facilitator. First let me thank you for your vote of confidence for this position. I will do my very best to uphold your confidence. But it is my hope to receive necessary help to fulfill my position.

Thanks again, ILS Greg M

- C. **JANUARY SECRETARY:** Linda C

Morning all first I want to touch on the trouble I had with the Nov minutes. I upgraded my Office suite to 2007 and everything I opened in it was corrupted. That is why you received corrupted files. Luckily I was more organized than I thought because I had already printed copies of everything before closing the application. So it took some time but I was able to re-create the minutes, roll call & contact list. Since the contact list is a recreation please verify your personal and area info is correct. Then of course is my same old, same old, same old speech – when I send around the contact list it is your responsibility to verify the accuracy your personal and area information. If it is wrong for many cycles that is because you have not verified the accuracy of the list!!! At the top of the sheet I pass around it says in big letters “MAKE CHANGES ON PAGE 3”. This is so I don’t have to guess what you are writing in that little space that already has stuff in it.

In Loving Service, Linda

- D. **JULY SECRETARY:** Deb W  
Absent

- E. **TREASURER:** Debbie H

Expenses were a little less than our revenue, which is always a good thing. There still is not enough money to meet our working reserves, so there will be no additional donation to NAWs this session. I have added a report to show all the donations for 2008 by area. RCMs please show your areas how much they contributed. It would be nice to see if each area could try to make a donation per cycle. That is only 6 times a year. This cycle we need to vote on the 2009 budgets. If the executive committee members and chairs would like to see how much they spent last year, please see me on break.

Thank you for letting me serve, Debbie H

**F. VICE-TREASURER: OPEN****G. REGIONAL DELEGATE: Chris A**

Hi all so happy to be up here where it is warm –23 on Friday in Rockford, so this is dam near balmy. We will not be here in March due to the MZF. This time we are asking for \$620 for the RD team to go to the MZF.

Thanks for letting me play, Chris

**H. REGIONAL DELEGATE ALTERNATE: Bill O**

Dear Family, The theme for this World Service Conference cycle is “Our Freedom, Our Responsibility”. There are three Fellowship Issue Discussion Topics for this cycle: “Leadership”, “Building Communication”, and “Our Freedom, Our Responsibility”.

“The topic of responsibility has come up in response to the common refrain we’ve heard in discussions throughout the fellowship for years, that our service efforts in many places are hindered by apathy and a lack of participation. Leadership similarly has been a topic of fellowship wide discussion for several conference cycles now and continues to be a focus of our efforts throughout the service structure.”

“We all need to begin to recognize our personal ownership and responsibility for the success of NA in carrying our message and achieving our vision. By improving and diversifying our communications at every level, we can broaden awareness in the fellowship about what is happening in the NA service system. And by encouraging greater personal and collective responsibility for that service system, we can begin to develop an atmosphere of leadership among our trusted servants, as well as an increased desire to support the work done on behalf of NA groups worldwide.”

We are preparing for a busy year in the Fellowship and here in Wisconsin Region. Today Chris, John, and I will present the Leadership Workshop, the first in a series of Fellowship Issue Discussion Topics developed by NAWS for this World Service Conference cycle. The workshop is divided into two sessions. Each takes about 90 minutes. Due to time limitations, we will present a shortened version of the first session.

The Delegate team has been invited to present the complete Leadership workshop in BASIC Area on March 7. It will take about 3 hours. So if our shortened version of the workshop today leaves you wanting more, this is a great opportunity to participate and experience the whole thing. We would like to encourage the Areas to take these workshops back to your Areas. If you would like the Delegate team to come to your Area and facilitate a workshop, please schedule a date with us.

We will also be working with the WSNAC BoD and host committee to facilitate the Midwest Zonal Forum’s participation at this year’s WSNAC. We will not be here for the March RSC, as we will be attending the MZF in Indiana. We will forward reports to the Secretary.

That’s all for now. It is an honor and a privilege to serve.

Bill O

**I. WRSO REP; Gene J**

Greetings, The 25th Commemorative was released in mid-November. We were able to get a hold of 102 at the WRSO, and those were sold out a couple of weeks ago. A couple of nights ago one person decided that they did not need one of the books, and rather than me make the decision of who gets it I would ask that all those interested put their name in a “hat” and we will draw a name. I just learned that World will be coming out with a second printing in mid-March, but it is my hope and recommendation to the Board that we not purchase any if they decide to release the exact same book. I believe that their decision is wrong in the face of their assertion that “only 10,000 will be printed”, and, frankly, I wonder if such a move is legal.

I was not able to complete all of the end-of-the-year computations, but I can give you some general totals at this time. Literature sales were \$79,952.00 and merchandise sales were \$15,849.00. I will be handing out a printout to all Areas, as well as the WRSC, showing the total amount of literature purchased, shipping & handling charges, checks received, and the status of that body with the WRSO as of December 31, 2008.

While our total sales were down somewhat from last year it appears that it is much lower than those Service Offices that I have been in contact with, and the nice think for me is that I can use the short form when I do taxes.

A problem that I have discussed a number of times in the past, and one which seems to be getting worse rather than better, is the timely payment of bills. We ended 2008 with almost \$2,200.00 owed to us, and

there is another \$7,400 owed for 2009. I know that I will be receiving a large chunk of the money owed this weekend but it is not unusual for Area's to wait a month or more before sending a check, and there are some unpaid Invoices going back several months.

It was our plan to have a BOD meeting this weekend to discuss a number of issues (including an increase in shipping rates) but our Chairperson, Ray W., was moved to a hospice in Sheboygan Falls during the last week. Please include him and Deb in your prayers.

Current Statistics:

Literature (at cost)	\$17,710.51
Merchandise (at cost)	\$21,136.55
Accounts Payable	(\$202.65)
Accounts Receivable	\$9,558.51
Status with CSO (old bill)	(\$5,863.18)
Funds in bank/WRSO	(\$5,851.29)
	\$36,488.45

**J. WISCONSIN NA CONVENTION ODD YEAR: OPEN**

**K. WISCONSIN NA CONVENTION EVEN YEAR: Gene J**

Report read – not submitted for minutes

**AREA REPORTS:**

**A. BADGERLAND: Mark N RCM**

As in recovery where sometimes I can give and other times I need to ask for help so it goes with the Badgerland area of Narcotics Anonymous.

Groups as a whole are on an upswing with attendance. We are seeing the start of new groups in outlying areas such as Evansville and Monroe. There is a refocusing on step and Basic text study in meeting formats. We have some specialized meetings that initially drew spirited conversation but have since drawn attention from some unexpected places. We have a men's Basic Text meeting and a women's meeting.

A group of people in the field started the "Clean in healthcare" meeting. Of Course any addict is welcome but professionals in healthcare would often see newcomers that were or are patients of theirs. They were not always comfortable sharing with concerns directed towards anonymity. Recently, Dee J. of NA Way started a conversation about this meeting citing the same concerns from addicts elsewhere.

Elections were held in November with December being a training month. Most of our service positions are filled. Our Vice Chair is stretched a little thin and we keep a good check on his well-being. Kim T. is our new chair and I believe she has a new found respect for what this position entails. After all these GSRs and subcommittee chairs can be an unruly sort. We are so lucky to have her in our area.

I was given an opportunity to look at the needs of the Latino community in Madison and see if and how NA could help. I was intending on keeping a WRSC member from Milwaukee in the loop but I did not. However, the BASC did do a lot of work in this arena. I spoke with several Hispanic AODA professionals who reiterated my opinion of respecting cultural differences and regarding dimensions of diversity. In other words, tell Centro Hispano we are there and offer to help. The universe works in mysterious ways.

One of our outreach chair's friends is fluent in Spanish and offered to help. At our "Badgerland Family Holiday" function, one of my home group members came in with his wife who appeared to be Hispanic. After listening to conversation in Spanish between the two there were no questions. Through the course of all our conversation we found out that she was a community leader and worked or volunteered at the three main Hispanic social centers. She relayed that indeed there are a lot of Hispanic people that are seeking help for their addiction. They cannot relate at the same emotional level that the other fellowship does. They don't care what culture starts an NA meeting. So, Our Outreach chair Jenny A. and member Brenda are working with my home group member Dave and his wife at starting an NA meeting at the Guadalupe Center.

Our new phone line chair Karen who has substantial service experience is having a difficult time taking over the reins of the phone line. Our past chair is saying that her computer broke so her regional account

and password info is lost. She also reports that she is able to take calls because the regional system recognizes her caller id and automatically grants her access. We at BASC are at new levels of confusion. At the risk of redundancy, I implore the WRSC phone line sub-committee to help us.

Our H&I committee also has a very experienced chair. BASC serves 3 jail meetings in 3 facilities for both men and women and 1 minimum-security prison meeting for men. BASC is questioning what and how much literature would be appropriate for these needs. We are in the process of reviewing the H&I guide. Again I would ask the WRSC H&I committee to please advise us.

Our literature chair is new to lit but not recovery. We do an awful lot of literature distribution with a 2008 sales total of \$3425. We keep an inventory of \$1500. He will be just fine under the tutelage of Gene J. We are doing a complete review of our Policy and Procedure. The position is empty but the administrative committee is doing it as a whole. All P&P changes must go back to the groups in our area. I am sure we will hit up the expertise of our own John H at some point.

Our Activities chair Pat O is back for a second year. He has done such a wonderful job he will be a sure asset in any future service he may do. We cut back on our number of activities to every other month until we can find a formula that works. Our most urgent matter is trying to find a couple that will split speaking at our Hearts and Hugs Valentines day function. We had Bits from Milwaukee booked but her significant other will be out of town. So if anyone has an idea for this it will clear up one of my mandates for this regional meeting. Our Badgerland Family Holiday function went well but we still operated at a loss.

Croquet was played on the state capital lawn, which is over a 20-year tradition.

Public information sent its first quarterly mailing already. We also rolled the Web ad hoc into PI and are doing well at making it spiffier each month. This is our strongest subcommittee.

We audited the treasurer and came out to the penny.

At Badgerland Family Holiday, Pat O has a relative in the printing business. He had seven Badgerland NA hats made out of his own pocket for presents. John H and myself may or may not be sporting these now. Anyway, We as an area are delving into our first merchandising in quite some time. We got a quote and set a price point. We are going to have fifty hats made in Khaki, Badger red and Ladies Pink. Activities is handling the sale and accounting. We discussed the possibility of going to consensus-based decision-making. Change is hard for addicts sometimes.

Mark N

**B. BASIC:** Pete T RCM

Hey Family the Basic Area still has “feelers” out on the questions from last cycle. (sponsorship book) (upside down pyramid) I will give a full report at the next Region cycle.

Yours in Service Peter T

**C. BIG RIVERS:** Michael RCM, Denny V RCMA

Our Groups continue to show a strong commitment to our Area. Ten of twelve groups were present at our January ASC, which is typical. We have very lively dialogue and debate. However, we don't take ourselves too seriously as to become debilitating. Our most recent ACTION ITEMS were 1.) Fellowship Discussion Topics. 2.) PR Signs. 3.) Price of NA Unity Events. 4.) Finding a new home for BRASC meetings. 5.) Necessity of Regional Activity Subcommittee. There is always a lot of laughter and general sense of joviality at our Area meetings. We have made it a fun place to be. A Campout Committee has been created. Guidelines are pending policy and BRASC approval. We are donating 2 free registrations for each Big Rivers Area campout (I Can't, We Campout 5, and Let Loose 4) to all WRSC member Areas and all bordering Areas in Minnesota and Iowa. We have approved our RCM Budget for 2009. The Budget is based on two nights stay at \$100 per night, travel mileage of one-half US Federal Rate (currently \$0.55/mile) and \$25.00 for meals for WRSC weekend. This averages out to about \$300 per weekend or \$1822 total. We realize the need to be frugal with NA funds, but we want to allow any member meeting the qualifications of RCM to be able to fulfill those commitments, regardless of personal finances. PR will be purchasing large placards for City Bus, etc. to display. BRASC PR would like to know if WRSC PR or other ASCs would like to join this purchase, which would lower the unit cost considerably. 25 count=\$6.95/unit and 100 count=\$4.09/unit, plus \$48.00 set-up fee and \$22.00 Shipping and Handling. H&I is in the preliminary stages of establishing the Writing the Steps in Recovery for Correctional Facilities. Main Street NA New Year's Eve was a big success. The group sent \$500.00 to PROJECT HOPE, and \$380.00 will support our local H&I efforts. BRASC is willing to host a Regional Literature

review. Since the last meeting we have of 7th Tradition of \$752.76 to WRSC.

After our discussion last cycle regarding the use of translators I ask if our members are aware of the “NA World Services Vision Statement” which states,

“All of the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous World Services are inspired by the primary purpose of the groups we serve. Upon this common ground we stand committed.

Our vision is that one-day:

- Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life; p. 2
- NA communities worldwide and NA world services work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to carry our message of recovery;
- Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery.

As our commonly held sense of the highest aspirations that set our course, our vision is our touchstone, our reference point, inspiring all that we do. Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of these ideals. In all our service efforts, we rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power.”

And I ask if we are committed to this vision. Our Ninth concept states “All elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision-making processes. To simply say something is BS is not careful consideration. Providing for additional needs of others is the responsibility of NA. Language is an additional need if the addict seeking recovery doesn’t understand the language in the meeting. It is not just our responsibility, but as the Vision Statement says, “...As our commonly held sense of the highest aspirations that set our course, our vision is our touchstone, our reference point, inspiring all that we do.” Additionally IP No. 26, Accessibility for Those with Additional Needs offers additional clarity. It refers more specifically to sign for deaf, but the language is the same. “Whether or not to use an interpreter should be the choice of the addict with the impairment. First and foremost, we need to make sure we have only qualified interpreters in our meetings. If our group does not have the funds to cover a qualified interpreter, an outside agency for individuals with additional needs may be able to assist with this expense. According to the Seventh Tradition, our group cannot ask an outside entity to pay for services provided in our meetings, but the impaired individual can. In many cases, they will also have experience with such agencies. When an interpreter is present, he or she is there to serve only as facilitator. When speaking, face the hearing-impaired individual, not the interpreter, and speak at a normal tone and pace. In a group setting, position chairs so that everyone in the group is visible, and allow only one addict to share at a time. The interpreter may need a moment to finish signing, so be sure to pause between comments.”

Lastly, I would like to remind us of our Brainstorming Guidelines: One good idea leads to another... good idea. “No” and “can’t” do not exist. Creativity has no limits. Be part of—participate. Think fast, analyze later...Judging, evaluating, and criticizing are not brainstorming. And above all...Have fun!

**D. CHIPPEWA VALLEY:** Steve H RCM

Hi Family Chippewa Valley has made a couple of changes. Unfortunately we have had to take our Tues & Thurs 12:15 meetings off the meetings list. Secondly we have been pleasantly overwhelmed with addicts showing enthusiasm & stepping forward for service commitments. Fahn L will be the RCM. Lisa D will be PR & Ted L will be H&I chair.

H&I has been corresponding with the Dunn County Jail & recruiting addicts for the H&I committee. Lastly on Dec 27th we had a very successful Holiday ball & auction. I am pleased & excited to represent Chippewa Valley Area.

Thank You Fahn L

**E. INLAND LAKES:** Brian I RCM

Awesome experience to be in Point so far! Inland Lakes should have a website up and running in a month or so. The spiritual retreat is underway, just voted on a log, next working on the agenda...ect. We just voted in an H&I chair – which has experience from a different area – so that’s a breath of fresh air for our area. Elisia H&I chair, our area PR chair is looking for other addicts from Oskosh, Fon Du Lac, Wisconsin Rapids & Waupaca area to be contact people to help spread the message of N.A. better and to help the chair not to get burnt out. We just sent some literature to the Redgranite Prison – H&I is following up along with PR.

F. **INNER CITY:** Tony RCM

Hi family, Groups are doing well with 4 new meetings added.

We are currently reviewing our policy and the groups have approved some changes that would bring some clarity on some parts of the policy. Next month we will hold nomination for all positions.

The area is seeing an increase in the level participation of the groups in the form of GSR. We also noticed that by insuring that the groups are allowed to give their reports, or their reports are given, we found more meaningful discussions on group concerns.

The area as a whole is doing well; we spent time, before the area meeting to set-up a GSR learning day, which went really well, we kept to learning the service structure and the roles of GSR.

The H&I Subcommittee has over 30 members now and doing okay.

No PR chairperson, and has a couple more open positions.

Loving Service Tony H

G. **KETTLE MORAINÉ:** Cath P RCM

Hello NA family, today we honor, celebrate & grieve the crossing over of Ray W. We appreciate your prayers and love. KMA has flyers here for upcoming functions. Jan 31st Live the Steps at Holy Angle church in West Bend. Project Hope march 7 at Camp Y Koda, NApril Me 4.18.09 at the 1907 Club in Sheboygan; Hipi-eyed in Recovery 5.30.09 in Sheboygan 1907 club. June 20th Pre-Jamawa at Silver Creek Park in Manitowoc – Disc Golf Tourney with prizes – July 10-12 never Alone in the Woods campout on Pigeon Lake at Camp Sinewa in Manitowoc – and Unity Jam “20th Annual” July 31 – Aug 2nd at Camp Y Koda in Sheboygan. Strong Recovery – Unity and active trusted servants help make KMA a growing group of recovering addicts and we send our thanks for supporting our functions and helping me send our thanks for supporting our functions and helping us share the message of hope at our 15 meetings, found on the KMA website KMA.WEBHOP.ORG or the KMA info line 1-888-611-1813

In Loving Service, Cath P

H. **MILWAUKEE:** Jeff T RCM, Jack RCMA

Report read – not submitted for minutes

I. **NORTH CENTRAL:** Jason C RCM

We are grateful & happy to be here! While NCA has not been represented for quite some time, so again we are happy to be here. We are rebuilding our area service structure. We have a solid group of addicts who are committed to the premise that Unity is a must in order to carry the life saving message of NA. We hope and pray to keep our area strong & in contact with region. We are struggling & need all the guidance we can get. While several/some of our meetings are strong our area as a whole needs help.

In Loving Service, Jason C

J. **NORTHEAST:** Nathan A RCM

Absent

K. **NORTHERN LIGHTS:** Pam RCM, Pete RCMA

Absent

L. **ROCK RIVER:** Marla M RCM, Nancy M RCMA

Greetings from your southern most area on this lovely above zero temperature day. Thanks to WSNAC for hosting! The facility is great. What's up with RRAGS:

Financially – we are dipping deeper and deeper into our prudent reserve to keep services going. Function committee is up and running. We had 2 successful events in December. We are trying to get all events through June 2010 planned in the next few months. H&I meets regularly all facilities have panel coordinators and are meeting regularly. All facilities have panel coordinators and are meeting regularly. PR meets regularly in conjunction with H&I. Television PSA's are up and running. We are working on radio PSAs and to assist in carrying the message have added the domain name rockriverna.org. We are also looking at ways to carry the message to unserved / underserved communities in our area. Press releases have also been used and have resulted in articles in several of our local newspapers. Digital information – the website is going well. We have a functioning event calendar and now have an area newsletter that is

available online for viewing or printing. Convention – RRCNA is wrapping up planning for this years convention. Please take flyers for our “Friday Night Follies” which is an open mic/talent show. We need addicts with our without talent to perform in order to make this event a success. We have re-started an outreach committee and have begun an archive committee. Currently we have only 1 open position alternate Treasurer.

In Loving Service Marla M

M. **SCENIC BLUFFS:** Open RCM, Mike F RCMA (acting),  
Absent

N. **SOUTHEAST FAMILY:** Jeff P RCM  
Absent

O. **WOODS & WATERS:** Rand W RCM, Forest D (acting)  
Hello family Forrest here filling in for our vacant RCM. All I have to report on is activities. Our support in Ashland is on the low so we will not be hosting our valentine function. But am pleased to say that Spring Thing is still on. Journeys Convention is under works, our July campout has moved to Clear Lake, and Washburn is at same location. Labor Day campout (Top of the World) has moved to City of Houghton RV Park in Houghton.

In Loving Service Forrest D

P. **UPPER PENINSALA:** Lynn D RCM  
Absent

## **SUBCOMMITTEE / ADHOC REPORTS:**

Q. **ACTIVITIES** –Vacant– TIME

R. **OUTREACH** –Vacant– TIME

S. **POLICY** –John H– 12:06 pm

Howdy Family I wish to apologize for my lack of substance between last cycle and now (Holidays, computer issues, laziness in the cold) I do have some points to preserve to the WRSC. The addhoc has done some preliminary work that you will hear about. I was able to hear and read the correspondence and did not participate very well. (My Bad) I would like to explore the feasibility of using portions of guidelines and labeling them as Handouts; “Consensus Exists”, “Orientation Guidelines”, “Participate Action Options” and “Brain Storming Guidelines/Grand rules”. The portions titled “Room Layout Options” and “Other Tools” should be part of local topic discussion forum. We should have (?) number of copies of Handouts available for each RSC meetings.

Lastly I need to reaffirm the starting point of our guideline review: if July 08 Remove Ad needs: if the 3/5/08 it is missing Outreach guidelines. –We look forward to being a part of documents what we do have, easier for all.

In Service John

T. **ADDITIONAL NEEDS ADHOC** (Paid Spanish Translators) –Tony H– 12:10

No report this cycle more research is required.

FROM NOV 08 MINUTES

1. TOPIC 1 – Paid Spanish translators – 3:25 pm

- At the Correctional Conference info was asked for Spanish speaking meeting
- Tony is chair to adhoc for 2 cycles to gather info, all RCM are to bring to region each areas need for any language & additional needs in their area
- Title: Additional Needs Adhoc

U. **GUIDELINE ADHOC** –Deb W– 12:12 pm

Report report read by Chris

We have been focusing on points 1&2 of the guidelines. There has been a lot of lively and honest discussion. By next cycle we would like to dissolve and become part of the Policy Committee to continue our work.

ILS, Chris K

V. **PUBLIC RELATIONS** –Mike F– 12:14 pm

Report read by Bill O

Hello RSC Family, I wish I could be there with you today, however, due to economic conditions I accepted a position of employment, which requires me to be at work. I am looking forward to being back at RSC in March. Thanks to Bill for reading this report and continuing to be the driving force of this committee as newly elected PR Vice-Chair.(yes Bill, the pizza is getting bigger as you speak) lol.

- The Regional meeting Directory is here, the regional meeting list is here, the regional meeting list is here!!!!

-The budgets are also done. The website hosting cost was added and the bulk mailing project for SW Wisconsin removed. The net increase to the working reserve is \$11.00. The Admin budget is unchanged. It still incorporates estimated potential increases in both production quantities and printing costs. Basically a rubber stamp of last year.

- We have a literature order for 3 conferences WAAODA- \$250.00, NRIADA-\$150.00, MHSA- \$150.00.

- WAAODA has a new site this year. Oconomowoc, Milwaukee is already stepping up in this area and has the willingness to staff this event.

- An Addict from Big Rivers contacted PR. He was interested in others areas interest in mass producing bus signs from a printer in Lacrosse. The idea is to have the regional #800 on the signs. I forwarded the information on this for inclusion in the PR report.

Of Grateful service- Mike F.

W. **HOSPITALS & INSTITUTION** –OPEN– TIME

X. **LITERATURE** –Nancy M– 12:22

Absent

Y. **BUDGET PLAN FOR TRUSTED SERVANTS ADHOC** - Cindy – 12:22 pm

Absent

Break for Lunch – 12:30 pm

Reconvene at 1:50 pm

\*\*SUSPEND ORDER OF DAY to hear treasurer report – will appear in correct location in minutes

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION** requested by NorthCentral, start time 1:55 pm

TOPIC: PR & Suggestions for keeping the area together

- Reaching out to Wausau
  - Larry NEWNA – electronic minute PR – create H&I=PR – Network with WA & ID – Area inventory
  - Form letter to the institutions Marathon County
  - Contact institution directly to find contacts who refers addicts
  - 2 major detox centers (Wausau) Aspirius Hlth & Northcentral Hlth
  - On-Line resources treatment facilities by state (Bill O)
  - Probation / Parole office
  - Mental Health center
  - Diversion Court or Day Court (Dunn County) Judicial advisory committee
  - 2 addict with experience from Wausau willing to coordinate with Wausau
  - Re: mailings put Regional meeting list



- Start with one facility – do one well instead of many badly

2:10 \*\*SUSPEND ORDER OF DAY for election –office pool – will appear in correct location in minutes

2:20 pm re-start the round table discussion

- Suggestions to keeping a strong area
  - Start with the area planning tool
  - Hold workshop stronger home group stronger area
  - Area facilitator agenda
  - Have area same place same time
  - GSR learning workshop before area
  - NAWS website GSR packets
  - Learning days for chair persons
  - Communication!
  - Involve sponsorship
  - Table configuration – room layout
  - Guide to ASC
  - Prayer breaks
  - Speaker meeting that is a service but don't tell anyone is service orientated
  - Stronger groups – stronger area
  - Personal invitations to subcommittee
  - Keep message positive about service
  - Subcommittee meetings in public areas
  - Reading “Our Freedom our responsibilities” from World issue discussion
  - Tradition discussion at groups
  - Service workshops on monthly basis

Break 2:39 pm – Reconvene 2:55 pm

## **BASIC SERVICES**

A. Approval of last cycle minutes – MINUTES APPROVED

B. ELECTIONS:

Activities – Ashley voted in

Motion to waive clean time requirement to 18 months for this occasion – 2<sup>nd</sup> made – no objections  
from floor to accepting

Co Secretary Jan – Linda C voted in

WSNAC rep even yr – None

WSNAC rep odd yr – Gene J voted in

Vice Treasurer – Mary M voted in

H&I – None

Outreach – None

WRSO Pool – None

WSNAC Pool – Mel K voted in: John P voted in

Break 3:34 pm – Reconvene 3:45 pm

Suspend order of day for activities election will

\*\*SUSPEND ORDER OF DAY for election –Activities– will appear in correct location in minutes

C. MOTIONS:

FINANCIAL MOTIONS:

1. **MOTION 01-09.F1:** From Delegate team – for \$581 to go to the MZF: Hotel room \$220, Gas/Mileage \$131, Per diem (2 people for 3 days) \$180, Registrations \$50

**INTENT:** To go to the MZF

**Friendly Amendment:** To only request \$50 to cover registration that is not already budgeted into Delegate travel. **ACCEPTED**

**MOTION PASSED**

D. BUDGETS:

See Budget Attachments to minutes – Approved budgets are Administrative Committee, Secretary, Admin PR, PR working reserve

**\*Secretary Note:** Delegate Team, WSNAC reps, Literature and Activities will present budgets in March

**Original list of Topics on board from reports**

RD participation at convention (MZF)
Leadership workshop regional event
Printing 25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary text
Dissolving Activity position
Funding trusted servant adhoc (WRSC)

**Prioritized list of Topics by RCM's**

DISCUSSED IN ORDER CHOSEN BY RCM'S

1. TOPIC 1 – Leadership workshop regional event – 4:45 pm
  - Now that we have an activities chair we may not need to address that
  - RD team is volunteered to work with new activities chair
  - Straw pole of room taken – the region is interested in holding a leadership workshop new activities chair will work with an area that is interested in hosting
  
2. TOPIC 2 – Printing 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary text – 5:00 pm
  - World was only going to print 10,000 commemorative copies –now world wants to print more
  - Is this legal or right to do is what is questioned
  - Straw pole – Who believes that a 2<sup>nd</sup> printing is appropriate? – Would this body like the RD team and office to draft a letter of abjection?
  - Motion – Writing/sending a letter to NAWS that this region feels that the reprinting of the limited edition may be wrong. Amendment (WRSO manager and RD team will draft and email the letter to executive team for approval before mailing) – PASSED
  - Straw pole – floor does not want office to purchase 2<sup>nd</sup> printing
  
3. TOPIC 3 - Funding trusted servant adhoc (WRSC) – 5:20 pm
  - Do we really need this adhoc
  - Gene can have the statistics configured within a couple of weeks that was collected
  - Secretary will email to RCMs – to come back next cycle with a direction the areas want to go
  
4. TOPIC 4 – RD participation at convention (MZF) – 5:30
  - Done

5. TOPIC 5 – Dissolving Activity position – 5:32  
 ➤ We now have a chair no need to dissolve

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 Time 5:40 pm – motion to close – Business Done  
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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Read motions and other business to be sent back to areas.
- Announce next meeting location; all other announcements.
- Closed with a group hug.

**CLOSE @ 2:45pm**

**NEXT WRSC IS TO HOSTED BY NORTHEAST AREA  
 IN GREEN BAY WISCONSIN AT HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & SUITES  
 RESERVATIONS: 1-800-315-2621 OR 920-569-4248  
 PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**AREAS HOSTING WRSC SCHEDULE**

<b>JULY</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>3B KETTLE MORAINE (change between areas)</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>4B BIG RIVERS</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>1C KETTLE MORAINE</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>WSNAC Hosting Area</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2C NORTHEAST</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>WSNAC Hosting Area</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>3C SENIC BLUFFS</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>4C WOODS &amp; WATERS</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>1D INNER CITY</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>WSNAC Hosting Area</b>